



Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Teams
Monday, September 14, 2020
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Members and Alternates Present: Jackie DeCarlo, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Monica Driver, Travis Gayles, Leslie Graham, Michelle Hawkins, Amy Lindsey, Gina Maxham, Kimberley McBride, Kathy McCallum, Kate McGrail, Stephanie McKay, Beatrice Miller, Nguyen K. Nguyen, Jade-Ann Rennie, Cristina Sasaki, Jacquelyn Williams

Healthy Montgomery Staff: Rita Deng, Vanessa Kachipande, Diana Tato-Niktash, Karen Thompkins

Guests: Monica Escalante, Rya Griffis, Nethmi Gunaratne, Karen Gutierrez, Jessica Laigle, Helen Lettlow, Patricia Maclay, Lynn Meija, Patricia Reed, Chris Rogers, Anna Shao, Meghan Sontag, Arlee Wallace, Sara Zarzecki

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Action Item/ Responsible Person
Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Ms. DeCarlo & Dr. Gayles</i>	The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Ms. DeCarlo welcomed the group and proceeded with introductions of all meeting participants.	N/A
Approval of Minutes <i>Ms. DeCarlo</i>	The July meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voiced consent with no edits.	Finalize July meeting minutes. <i>HM Staff</i>
Health Officer Updates <i>Dr. Gayles</i>	<p>Dr. Gayles shared the following COVID-19 updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local, state and federal governments continue to coordinate COVID response for vaccine acquisition, vaccine distribution, and contact tracing. <p>A vaccine timeline is still pending due to the recent stoppage of Astra Zeneca clinical trials. Flu shots are being encouraged in the meantime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The County is using a data focused approach and is proceeding cautiously in moving to Phase 3 of reopening. The County's data dashboard will be updated to be more user friendly for residents.There is concern around reopening schools due to many new cases amongst young people. 50% of new cases are amongst those under 30 and 25% are amongst those under age 19. MCPS will remain closed until the end of first quarter. <p>Local private schools are back in session and 12 schools reported positive COVID-19 cases, while 7 other schools have reported potential cases.</p>	N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing efforts are being held around the county. Discussions with different vendors are ongoing to review rapid testing and additional testing options countywide. 	
Healthy Montgomery Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) <i>Dr. Rogers & Ms. Thompsons</i>	<p>Dr. Rogers provided a high-level overview and timeline of the CHNA process. Healthy Montgomery staff is taking a project management approach to the CHNA process and has been in the pre-planning phase of the CHNA since spring.</p> <p>The CHNA is a 12 to 15-month process, with the goal of a final report at the end of 2021.</p> <p>The CHNA framework is guided by PHAB and MAPP Standards.</p> <p>There are several opportunities available for HMSC members to be involved in the CHNA process: Participation in the CHNA committee, reporting, assisting with community conversations and participating in the final approval.</p>	N/A
HMSC Vote on CHNA Launch <i>Ms. DeCarlo & Dr. Gayles</i>	<p>HMSC members were asked to vote to give approval on the official launch of the CHNA. The vote was approved with unanimous voiced consent.</p>	N/A
Minority Health Initiatives & Programs Updates	<p><i>African American Health Program (AAHP)- Ms. Beatrice Miller</i> The AAHP continues to work through a COVID response plan for Blacks and African Americans within the county. Some of the goals of these efforts are to increase COVID testing in vulnerable areas, to provide COVID care kits for those who attend testing events and to provide co-pay assistance referrals to Black physicians.</p> <p><i>Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI)- Dr. Nguyen Nguyen</i> The AAHI has been focused on engaging with community leaders, understanding the community needs, and providing translation support. They have also been collecting County resource information to distribute among Asian American small businesses. The AAHI has also been focusing on mental health through a multilingual education series that focuses on stress and self-care.</p> <p><i>Latino Health Initiative (LHI)- Ms. Monica Escalante</i> Ms. Escalante shared a report which highlighted targeted efforts to reach people at testing events. In total, 2,068 people were reached, 807 received education materials while 362 were directed to other health and social services. They have also been engaging the Spanish-speaking community through focus groups to understand their needs.</p>	N/A

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Hospital Workgroup Update <i>Ms. Kim McBride</i>	<p>The hospitals are working with DHHS staff on updating the Healthy Montgomery website. They are in process of reviewing data demonstrations from various vendors.</p> <p>The hospitals continue to receive donations of educational materials and other items to be distributed in areas heavily impacted by COVID.</p> <p>The workgroup is collaborating with EveryMind to facilitate back to school community conversations focused on mental health.</p>	N/A
Announcements	<p>Karen Thompkins provided an update on upcoming community conversations focused on mental health and back to school. The first discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/16 7-8pm and a Spanish discussion will be held on Friday, 9/18 at 6:30pm.</p> <p>Cristina Sasaki encouraged individuals to visit parks resources for how to safely enjoy the outdoors during COVID-19. https://www.montgomeryparks.org/covid-19/</p>	N/A
Wrap-Up/Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee meeting will be held on November 2, 2020.</p>	N/A